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(c) Recruitment to the post of Block Development Officers is made by transfer from any other class or service or by promotion of Social Education Organizers. Persons belonging to Scheduled Caste already in Government service are being considered for appointment as Block Development Officers by the Selection Committee at the time of recruitment.

MR. SPEAKER : Next question.

(Sri M. C. Muthukumaraswamy rose.)

MR. SPEAKER : I am sorry, I am on No. 729. The hon. Member did not get up when Question No. 728 was answered.

*Rural indebtedness*

* 729 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) whether any action has been taken to find out the extent of rural indebtedness; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) & (b) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

*Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies*

* 730 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Deputy Registrars of Co-operation (in Deputy Registrar's grade) in the State as on 1st January 1958;

(b) the number of permanent Deputy Registrars of Co-operation;

(c) the respective years when the temporary posts of Deputy Registrars were created; and

(d) whether there is a proposal before the Government to make permanent—

(i) the posts of Deputy Registrars created on the bifurcation of each district which began in 1946; and

(ii) the posts of Credit and Marketing Special Deputy Registrars in each district?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) On 1st January 1958, there were 82 posts of Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies in the State.

(b) Twenty-three posts of Deputy Registrars are permanent and the rest are temporary.

(c) A statement[b] showing the years when the various temporary posts of Deputy Registrars were created is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 183–184 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix V on page 184 infra.

(*d*) (i) Yes, Sir. The following posts of Deputy Registrars were created on the bifurcation of districts :—

(1) Deputy Registrar, Kumbakonam.
(2) Do. Erode.
(3) Do. Dindigul.
(4) Do. Tuticorin.
(5) Do. Dharmapuri.
(6) Do. Vellore (South).
(7) Do. Tiruvallur.
(8) Do. Tirukoyilur.
(9) Do. Tiruchirappalli (South).
(10) Do Sivaganga.

Among the posts of Deputy Registrar referred to above the following posts have already been made permanent :—

Deputy Registrar, Kumbakonam.
Do. Erode.
Do. Dindigul.
Do. Tuticorin.

The question of making permanent the following posts is under consideration :—

Deputy Registrar, Dharmapuri.
Do. Vellore (South).
Do. Tiruvallur.
Do. Tirukoyilur; and
Do. Tiruchirappalli (South).

The post of Deputy Registrar, Sivaganga, was created in 1955 and the question of making it permanent will be considered after it has been in existence for the minimum period of 5 years.

(ii) The posts of Special Deputy Registrars (Credit and Marketing) in the districts were sanctioned by the Government only in 1956 and as they have not been in existence for a period of 5 years, the question of making them permanent does not arise at present.

**Sri S. LAZAR :** கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கொடுத்த பதிலிலிருந்து 1946-ம் ஆண்டு உண்டாக்கப்பட்ட சில போஸ்டுகள் எல்லாம் இன்னும் கன்பர்ம் ஆகாமல் இருப்பதன் காரணத்தினால் அவர்கள் ரிடையர் ஆகிறபோது பலத்த நஷ்டம் ஏற்படும் அல்லவா ? இதை இவ்வளவு தூரம் கால தாமதம் செய்துகொண்டு வருவதற்குக் காரணமென்ன ? இதைத் துரிதப்படுத்துவதற்குச் சர்க்கார் முயற்சிக்குமா ?

**The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH :** துரிதப்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறது. இன்னும் ஐந்தாறு போஸ்டுகள் பர்மனென்ட் ஆகும்.